 **Christopher C. Soto**

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space, where he met the Savior he chose to trust in his last days.

The son of Arthur and Barbara Soto, Chris grew up in Tucson Arizona. He was the oldest of four brothers, including David, Scott, and Nick. Born May 28, 1952, Chris attended Rincon High School where he graduated in 1970. He received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy “Best Alive” class of 1975. Chris earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in history, and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation.

Chris distinguished himself in various assignments during his 25-year career, during which he received the Cheney Award and Airman’s Medal for Heroism from the Secretary of the Air Force. Chris retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2000 and then from defense contracting in 2020.

His hobbies included challenging the local pros in racquetball, reading Clancy-style techno-thriller novels, engaging robo-callers, taking family vacations, improving their rural Virginia land, and sunbathing on Mexico beaches. Watching their children develop and grow, Chris and Jan recognized the importance of helping all children who needed a forever home and acted upon that belief by fostering and adopting many. He stood up for those kids, gave them opportunities to heal, encouraged their dreams, and taught them to

honor family. His boys remember him saying, "We're the thorns and Mom's the rose. We protect the rose."

Chris is survived by Jan, his wife of 44 years; their children Adam T. Soto (Becky), Chrisjan C. Soto, Mica E. Soto, Crissy D. Lowe, Delzar A. Soto, Denesha T. Saul (Brian), Darrell C. Soto, Genesis B. Soto, DeWayne N. Soto, Malaysia R. Soto, Renato H. Soto (Nora); and 21 grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday, November 04, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, located at 13600 Minnville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Flowers may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations will be welcomed at the charity of your choice.

To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Christopher, please [visit our floral store](#).

Events

Service

Monday, November 4, 2024
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Woodbridge
13600 Minnville Road
Woodbridge, VA 22193

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Anonymous

23 hours ago



Dana Vail

2 days ago



23 hours ago



Blue Caribbean was purchased for the family of Christopher C. Soto.

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a day ago

Camp Soto. A Gathering Place. Used by Family and Friends, and Honey Badgers that Don't Care!. Created by Chris. A Legacy that will Live Forever!



Anonymous

a day ago

Our deepest condolences to the Soto family. We pray for Mrs. Soto, Adam, CJ, Micah, and the rest of the family.
- The Brown Family (Kevin & Jason)



White Florist's Choice was purchased for the family of Christopher C. Soto.

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Josh

a day ago

With deepest sympathy for Mica and her family.



Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Christopher C. Soto.

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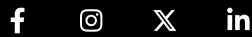
Skip Dobrin

a day ago

Jan and I so enjoyed Thanksgiving at his home. I liked his killer Salsa, it was better than any store-bought salsa. Skip Dobrin



A tree was also planted in memory of Christopher C. Soto.



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